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| Serial No.: 09/524,189 |)) Art Unit: 3626 |
| Filing Date: March 13, 2000 |)) |
| For: Method of Reinsuring an Insolvent Insurance or Reinsurance Company's Liabilities |))) |

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated February 3, 2005, which indicates that the "Amendments to the Specification" were non-compliant. The undersigned states that the Fourth Amendment filed on January 18, 2005, did not contain any amendments to the specification, but only to the claims. Therefore, the Fourth Amendment filed on January 18, 2005, is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and a copy of the

Fourth Amendment as filed are enclosed. Applicants request that either the Notice be withdrawn, or this re-submission of the Fourth Amendment be deemed a satisfactory response to the Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc V. Richards

Registration No. 37,921 Attorney for Applicants

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FOURTH AMENDMENT UNDER 35 CFR 1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 16, 2004, this amendment is being submitted under 37 CFR 1.114 along with a Request for Continued Examination and an appropriate Petition for Extension of Time. Please amend the above-identified application as below and consider the following remarks.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.